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SUBJ: NRW METAL WORKERS VOTE FOR STRIKE

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1. ON MARCH 7 AND 8, 1978 THE ORGANIZED METAL WORKERS IN  
THE NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIAN (NRW) METAL FABRICATING  
INDUSTRIES (SEE REFTEL) VOTED FOR A STRIKE. THE STATE  
AVERAGE FOR NRW WAS 86.39 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF THE  
STRIKE. THE FOUR DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE METAL  
WORKERS UNION PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: ESSEN  
87.44 PERCENT, MUENSTER 85.29 PERCENT, COLOGNE  
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86.9 PERCENT AND HAGEN 85.33 PERCENT. THE HIGHEST  
FIGURES CAME FROM LOCALS IN LIPPSTADT - 92.16 PERCENT,  
BOCHUM 91.2 PERCENT, GUETERSLOH 91.62 PERCENT AND  
NEUSS 89.6 PERCENT. THE UNION REPORTED THAT IN THE  
BOOMING AUTOMOBILE PLANTS OPEL IN BOCHUM AND FORD IN  
COLOGNE THE VOTES IN FAVOR OF A STRIKE EXCEEDED 90 PERCENT.

2. THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE OF THE METAL WORKERS UNION (I.G. METALL) FOR NRW REQUESTED STRIKE APPROVAL FROM THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNION ON MARCH 9 BUT DID NOT SET A DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE STRIKE. ON THE SAME DAY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD POSTPONED A STRIKE DECISION FOR NRW. REPORTEDLY, THE NRW EMPLOYERS SEE NO LEGAL OBSTACLE AGAINST A LOCK-OUT IN NRW EVEN IF THE STRIKE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG (FOR WHICH APPROVAL HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED BY THE UNION EXECUTIVE BOARD). MEANWHILE, THE FEDERAL EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION HAS DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE METAL WORKERS UNION STATED THAT IT HAD CONCLUDED 13 COMPANY AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR ACROSS THE BOARD PAY INCREASES BETWEEN 6 AND 7 PERCENT. OF THESE COMPANIES, 9 WERE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE METAL FABRICATING INDUSTRIES. THE NRW EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION REPUDIATED THE UNION'S STATEMENT BUT DECLARED THAT TWO EMPLOYERS IN NRW HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR CONCLUDING SUCH AGREEMENTS.BLIGH

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